

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated May 1, 2008, Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks.

Once again, Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-8 of the instant application are allowable and further indicating that claims 9-18 of the divisional reissue application (Reissue Application Serial Number 11/504,091), which has now been abandoned, are also allowable. To this end and in accordance with the instructions from the Examiner and 37 C.F.R. § 1.177(c), the foregoing amendment merges claims 9-18 of the divisional reissue application with claims 1-8 of the instant application. For the Examiner's convenience and ease of reference, Applicants have provided above the listing of claims that includes allowed claims 1-8 of the instant application and allowed claims 9-18 (renumbered as claims 16-25) of the divisional reissue application. The foregoing amendment is made in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.173(b). The specification has also been amended to update the parent application information set forth on the first page of the specification.

In addition, a supplemental declaration is provided which identifies at least one error in support of the reissue application. It is submitted that the supplemental declaration cures the defect in the previously filed declaration.

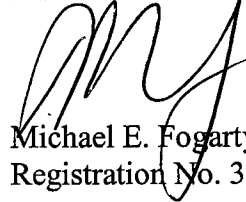
Finally, Applicant submits herewith a certified translation of the JPA 10-60811 so as to perfect Applicant's claim of priority thereto.

Applicants submit that all claims are in condition of allowance. Therefore, a notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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